

The Honorable Craig R. Fry  
Indiana House of Representatives  
200 West Washington  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Fry:

Thank you for your letter dated August 4, 2010 concerning the VIM Recycling, Inc. site (the "VIM site") in Elkhart, Indiana. I realize that this is a priority issue for you and your constituents, and I am aware of your past communications with my staff.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has attempted to respond to all of your inquiries, and EPA has reviewed all of the information submitted to us by you and your constituents during the last several years concerning the VIM site. On July 21, 2010, EPA mailed a response to your July 13, 2010 e-mail, but it was returned to our office on July 30, 2010. Another copy of the response was mailed on August 2, 2010 (see enclosure).

EPA continues to work closely with with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on the VIM site. IDEM has jurisdiction over the permitting for water, air and solid waste regulations at the VIM site, and is the lead governmental agency tasked with addressing environmental issues at this facility.

I understand that you wish to discuss this matter further, and have requested that both Bruce Sypniewski, Director of the Land & Chemicals Division, and Paul Ruesch, Project Manager for the recent removal project, be available to meet with you either in person or by telephone. You may contact Ronna Beckmann, the EPA Region 5 Intergovernmental Liaison, at 312-886-3000 to arrange the meeting.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure